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ANNA KASTEN NELSON

Mrs. Nelson is 62 years old and originally comes from Arkansas. She received her formal education at: University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1954; University of Oklahoma, M.A., 1956; George Washington University, Ph.D., 1972. Employment history for Mrs. Nelson is: Visiting Professor in History, George Washington U., 1970–1976; Adjunct Associate Professor in History, George Washington U., 1977–1985; Director, History and Public Policy Programs, George Washington U., 1980–1982; Director, Landmarks Program in American History, The American University, 1987–1988; Adjunct Professor in History, Tulane University, 1988–1990; Distinguished Visiting Professor in History, Arizona State University, 1992; Associate Professor in History, The American University, 1991–Present. Mrs. Nelson has no military service record.

Included in her published writings are: "President Kennedy's National Security Policy: a Reassessment" (Reviews in American History, March, 1991); "President Truman and the Evolution of the National Security Council" (Journal of American History, September, 1985); "National Security 1: Inventing a Process (1947–1960)" (Westview Press, 1981); "Irrational Policies on Access to Government Records Are Undercutting Our Ability To Understand History" (The Chronicle Of Higher Education, September, 1988). Also, a few of Mrs. Nelson's public speeches are worth noting here: "Rethinking NSC 68: A Seminar on the Cold War." (Institute for Policy Studies, October, 1991) "The Evolution of the American Foreign Policy Process from Roosevelt to Reagan." (Lecture, Foreign Relations association of New Orleans, April, 1990); and "Researching Congress: The Paradox of Sources" (Bicentennial Research Conference on the Congress, 1989).

Mrs. Nelson has also testified before Congress. In 1981 she appeared in support of the Freedom Of Information Act. She spoke in opposition to drafts on Executive Orders on National Security information in 1982. In 1983 she testified in opposition to CIA proposals to modify the FOIA. And in 1986 she appeared in favor of prservation of access to House of Representative records.

Mrs. Nelson's answers to congressional questioning produced these responses: (See **Biographies Pg. 2**)

REVIEW BOARD MEETS

On Tuesday, April 12, 1994 the first meeting of the "JFK Assassination Materials Review Board" was held in the main building of the National Archives in Washington D.C.. The first order of business was the election of John R. Tunheim as chairman (see Biographies on Pg. 2). Transition funding of $250,000.00 was made available from Presidential discretionary funds and will keep the Board going until appropriations can be secured (fiscal year 1995 budget) sometime in October. Congressional Budget office estimates are for $2.6 million per year. Full staffing will have to wait until full funding is obtained, but an Executive Director will be hired within the 45 day time frame prescribed by this law.

A resolution was offered to seek legislative extension on the life of the Board. The original provisions of a

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"A major priority of the Board should be the preservation of it's own integrity in order to insure the restoration of governmental credibility regarding the assassination." "The relationship with other Executive branch agencies may prove more problematic. To restore public confidence, the Board must be guaranteed complete compliance with the law by all the agencies with assassination related records." "The current (classification) system is extremely expensive, labor intensive and subjective in its implementation. It has resulted in an enormous backlog of documents over 30 years old and has further eroded public trust.." "The current attempt to rewrite the Executive Order governing the security classification system reflects ...that the current system is no longer viable; it does not operate efficiently, sacrifices the integrity of the records, and therefore, does not serve the public interest."

Mrs. Nelson's post–hearing responses to questions were: "..Board members should...become familiar with the Warren Report and the HSCA Report, plus additional reading to understand the contentious debate of the last thirty years." "I have always believed that restoration in public confidence requires full disclosure whenever public cynicism is rooted in the suspicions bred by government secrecy or conspiracy." "I think the Board should hold public hearings, although they should be subject oriented, such as defining assassination records, in order to make them useful." "I have some reservations about advisory committees. It may be more advisable to bring together once or twice a "liaison" group to inform the interested, organized community (and media) of the progress of the Board....." "The Board has an obligation to examine the records of former public officials who participated in any aspect or phase of investigation concerning the assassination, or of former public officials closely allied with Kennedy, as well as prosecutors, etc. Papers of individuals who are likely to have played a large role and that may be rich in information may be worth pursuing." "I think the Board should consider the use of all it's powers, including offering immunity, compelling disclosure from public and private sources, and disclosing information under seal of a court." "Documents that contain sources and methods can easily be released with a name or few lines removed. ...However, when documents are 30 years old, many of the sources are dead and the methods long since superceded. Under those circumstances, the public's right to know must be presumed."

JOHN R. TUNHEIM

Mr. Tunheim is the youngest of the appointees at 40 years of age and is a native of Minnesota. His educational background includes: Concordia College, B.A., 1975; and University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 1980. His employment history includes: Field Representative for Senator Hubert Humphrey, 1975–1977; Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court Judge, Earl R. Larson, 1980–1981; Associate Attorney: Wolff, Foster, Shepard, & Donnelly, 1981–1984; Asst. Attorney General, State of Minnesota, 1984–1985; Solicitor General, State of Minnesota, 1985–1986; and Chief Deputy Attorney General, State of Minnesota, 1986–present. Mr. Tunheim did not serve in the military.

The few writings that Mr. Tunheim has done are confined to areas unrelated to his position on the Board.

In response to congressional questions Mr. Tunheim had these responses: "I see our primary responsibility as: gathering input and information from the public to ensure that concerns are addressed and that all appropriate records are requested and received; and assuring the Congress and the American people that information about the Kennedy assassination is not being hidden by any branch or agency of the federal government." "...the Cold War placed significant restraints on sharing information. We have entered a new era and my understanding is that a comprehensive review is now underway that will likely result in significant revisions and the development of a less restrictive system of security classification."

In response to post–hearing questions, Mr. Tunheim's answers follow: "It will be important for the Board to hold public hearings or otherwise to solicit public input regarding the location of records and why such records are related to the assassination. Knowledge of the events and characters will be helpful in reviewing and understanding the public testimony." "The most pressing issues for the Board to address during the transition period will be: reviewing requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Government in the Sunshine Act, and other federal laws that will impact our duties, (and) discussing Board responsibilities regarding "donated assassination records," records sealed by courts, and the Board's authority to direct production of "additional information and records" "It is vitally

important to receive and review information from the assassination research community regarding possible assassination records. ...I strongly favor the process of conducting public hearings as a way of not only involving researchers, but also to drawing attention to the process in the hopes of gathering additional information. I am also in favor of advisory committees, but I am less certain how such committees should be chosen and charged." ".....the standard the Board must apply in order to postpone disclosure of a particular record is "clear and convincing evidence" that an exemption applies to such material." "One important criteria will be the extent to which the record adds to the public understanding of the events and characters involved in the assassination and its aftermath." "Yes, I am willing to consider granting a witness immunity." "The Board's responsibilities do not include making determinations with respect to the facts of what really happened. The Board must, however, be careful to interpret such language reasonably and with due respect for the laws overriding purpose: public disclosure of the assassination records so that the public may decide for itself what happened."

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two year life span with a one year extension—by majority vote if deemed necessary at the end of the two year cycle—was adopted for the new legislation. The effective date would be the date of the Board's swearing in: April 11, 1994.

The need to define what constitutes an assassination record prompted the board to propose holding hearings around the country to obtain public input on this issue before deciding it—such as where the Board should look for additional records beyond the standard federal agencies.

The Board is well aware of their subpoena power and they anticipate the need for legal counsel to fulfill this purpose.

Steve Tilley from the National Archives gave a briefing on the status of the collection. He stated that approximately 1,000 cubic feet of records have been accumulated so far (an estimated 2—2.5 million pages of records). Mr. Tilley said that despite the recent article in the Washington Post, which stated that "interest was dwindling" in the records, the Archives has seen no fall off of interest in the collection. He stated that since August of 1993, when the records were first released, there has been a steady flow of researchers visiting the Archives to view the available collection. They have received over 400 written requests for documents and numerous phone inquiries as well.

Mr. Tilley was also questioned by the Board on specific items. Mrs. Nelson asked about the Rockefeller Commission records and Mr. Tilley said that much of these files are still withheld because they are CIA records and the CIA has not reviewed them for release. Mr. Hall questioned Mr. Tilley about intelligence community redactions of these records and he answered that there are fewer redactions on these documents than in previous releases.

Mr. Tilley said that the issues being held for the Board to rule on are: the FBI questions on whether the organized crime documents they have in their possession are assassination related material and the CIA wants to know if it's microfilmed documents are included (the CIA has informed Tilley that they are currently reducing their microfilmed records to paper and are reviewing them for release under the act).

Other questions were raised about records of a non–federal nature and Mr. Tilley said that there are state records that need to be obtained, citing: the papers of Waggoner Carr at Baylor University in Texas, the state of Texas records on the case; and the New Orleans records of both the Shaw investigation and trial. When questioned about foreign collections Mr. Tilley stated that the State Department has asked the Belarus Republic for their records of Oswald's stay in Minsk and that these records have been forwarded to State and are a part of that agencies portion of the collection. Board members stated that they would like all related material from Oswald's travels in Mexico and several European countries as well.

The very important issue of donor restrictions was raised, with discussions on the various collections at the Library of Congress. The Board said that they would look into the legal issues of whether they can bypass these restrictions once they have legal staff in place. Mr. Tilley said that Gerald Ford has granted access to his personal papers despite donor restriction on them. The LBJ library, in Austin, Texas, is still operating under restrictions of the LBJ gift.

Mr. Tunheim was asked to hold at least one hearing on the west coast, but mentioned Texas.

At a private ceremony on Monday, April 11, the Board was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

THE DEEP POLITICS RESEARCH LIBRARY

In the very first edition of PROBE (September, 1993), under the heading of "Group Activities," we listed "Prevailing Winds Research" (PWR) and mentioned their dream of "establishing a comprehensive research center and file repository on the west coast." It appears the they are well along the way to realizing that goal.

In a recent visit to PWR headquarters in beautiful Santa Barbara, California, the Executive staff of CTKA had a chance to see "first–hand" just how much progress has been made. Residing in a huge four story federalist style building of 1850 vintage, PWR has taken the first step in securing a permanent home for some of the most well know collections of research materials in extent today. Already secured is the massive Dick Sprague research materials collection and plans are under way to acquire New Orleans DA Jim Garrison's working files, which have sat in a backyard shed for the past two decades. Tentative negotiations have also been opened with several authors and prominent researchers to offer them a permanent home for their collections. These include; authors, L. Fletcher Prouty and Professor Peter Dale Scott, as well as researcher Marry Ferrell.

The "Deep Politics Research Library" (DPRL) has three simple objectives: to preserve our history, to protect our future, and to establish the truth. This information clearinghouse, will present a single repository where journalists, authors and the general public can have access to difficult to find materials and data. Plans are also being formulated to make these collections available electronically , creating in their words, "a vehicle for truth on the information highway."

There are three main division at the core of this enterprise: "Prevailing Winds Research," which, for the past six years, has been providing reprints of hard to find articles and publications, as well as audio and video recordings, on many issues of extreme importance. They have a new journal planned for publication, "Prevailing Winds Magazine" that will focus on areas that have gone unreported, or more commonly mis–reported, in the general media; "Pacific Onion Films," will be the media arm of this venture. They will produce and circulate documentary films and videotaped presentations designed to expand truthful understanding of current events; "Open Archive Press," is the publishing division of this research library. In their own words, they "intend to become the most fearless publishing house in America." They plan on publishing books on controversial topics as well as scholarly works on the secret history of post–World War II American politics. They also state that they will specialize in creating educational texts for use in university courses.

They have already published Peter Dale Scott's "Crime and Cover–up" and will soon print Walt Brown's Quiz / Fact book due out this summer.

CTKA believes that these efforts deserve support from everyone who seeks a better understanding of Americas "true" history. This can be an invaluable tool for all of us to use. It all depends on your support!

Contact:
PrevailingWinds Research / P.O. Box 23511
Santa Barbara, CA. 93121 / (805) 899–3433

BOOK SHELF

The Third Alternative—Survivor's Guilt: The Secret Service and the JFK Murder. By Vince Palamara. Self Published. (Vince Palamara, 484 Hoodridge Dr., # D3, Pittsburgh, Pa., 17234.) $25.00.

100 pages in length, this work includes extensive interviews with former Secret Service agents as well as 3 appendixes, an index and bibliography.

A companion piece to this book is the 4 1/2 hour video tape of Palamara's interviews with Secret Service agents availeable from: Ulric Shannon, 4915 Coolbrook, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2K8, Canada.

Case Opened By Harold Weisberg. Carrol & Graff, $12.95.

Released in large size quality paper back format this book is 156 pages in length.

CD–ROM

The Encyclopedia of the JFK Assassination. ZCI Publishers. 1950 Stemmons, Suite 6048, Dallas, Tx. 75207–3109. 1 (800) 460–0444. $49.95 + $8.00 S/H.

Authored by "JFK" researcher Jane Rusconi, and entertainer Bob Harris, this disk is not only one of the easiest to use but also one of the best written. It

focuses on the historical events of world geopolitics, as well as inter–governmental records and gives the viewer a solid foundation from which to consider both pre and post–assassination events.

This CD contains 15,000 references to more than 10,000 pages of original source material. It includes both the Warren Commision and HSCA final reports, as well as selected testimony presented to both investigations. There are more than 1,100 photos, which include 158 full–screen frames from the Zapruder film. All visuals are of extremely high quality.

A minor distraction is the monotoned delivery of the deep baritone voice used to narrate the 36 minute "overview" section of the presentation. But this is easily overlooked due to the major strength of this offering: it's easy adaptability as an educational tool. The ease with which you can navigate back and forth to different sections on this CD sets it apart from other products on the market.

There are several "Exams" offered on a variety of subjects from the case that enables viewers to test their retention of the material presented. These "tests" are fun, with just the right touch of humor, and are intelligent enough to entertain even the most experienced researcher.

This is the best overall "educational" compact disk on the assassination currently on the market today.

UPDATE:

In the "Book Shelf" section of the March issue of PROBE, we listed a CD–ROM on the HSCA and the soon–to–be–released Warren Commission CD available from LMP Systems in Dallas, Texas. We listed a price of $65.00 for the HSCA CD and an expected $75.00 price tag for the upcoming WC CD. As it turns out, the HSCA CD was being "Bootlegged" on the west coast for this price and several problems have arisen with these knock–off copies due to a possible virus. Beware; if the disk you purchase is without either a Serial # starting with 93—, or a warranty card, it's a knock–off.

Actual prices for these products are: HSCA CD, $149.00 and the WC CD is expected to be priced approximately the same. Both are currently only available in PC format but an Apple update for the HSCA disk is due out late this spring.

The WC CD is due to hit the market in early summer and will be compatible with both formats.

There are plans to market both HSCA and WC volumes on a single disk that will be universally compatible.

Interested parties should contact: LMP Systems, 10420 Plano Rd. #101, Dallas, TX., 75238. (214) 343–8338 or Fax (214) 343–8348.

RFK UP–DATE

The RFK case hit the headlines for the first time in recent memory this month with the final determination in a California courthouse on the Ali Ahmand lawsuit. Mr. Ahmand, whose real name is Khalid Khawar, was depicted as one of the assassins of Senator Robert Kennedy in Robert Marrow's 1988 book, "The Senator Must Die."

In his book Morrow stated that the assassination was controlled by the Shah of Iran's secret police, the "SAVAK," and that they chose two people to carry out this assignment: Jordanian, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and Pakestanian, Ali Ahmand (Khawar). Morrow claims that Mr. Ahmand fired the fatal shots from behind Robert Kennedy using a camera equipped with a four–shot, .22 caliber gun mechanism. Morrow also claims that Ali Ahmand was the companion of both Sirhan and the mysterious "girl in the polka–dot dress" who were seen entering the Ambassador Hotel, via the back fire escape, shortly before the event.

These allegations from Morrow's book were re–printed in a 1988 issue of "The Globe" Shortly after these publications were circulated, Ahmand (Khawar) feeling he had been libeled and slandered, obtained the services of a law firm in Bakersfield, California: Noriega & Alexander.

Listed as plaintiffs in the original lawsuit were, Robert Morrow, Roundtable Publishers and The Globe. As the suit made it's way through the legal system, and after depositions were taken, it was discovered that neither Morrow nor the company who published his book had resources to satisfy any financial judgments that might be forthcoming. The suit was duly amended and The Globe was left as the only plaintiff at the time of final judgment.

The first week of April, 1994, saw the final adjudication of this suit. Khawar won. There was never any proof presented in court to substantiate the allegations made in Robert Morrow's book. The judgment was based mainly on the photograph that appeared in the Globe, which named Ahmand (Khawar) as the assassin. The amount of monetary judgment awarded Mr. Khawar was $1.1 million dollars.

CTKA SPONSORED EVENTS

RIVERSIDE, CA.

On June 21, 1994 CTKA is sponsoring a speaking engagement on the campus of the University of California Riverside. Scheduled from 7 to 10 PM, with featured speakers, CTKA Chairman and "Destiny Betrayed" author, Jim DiEugenio and radioncologist and expert on the JFK autopsy, Dr. David Mantik, this event is the first in a series of educational presentations sponsored by CTKA. Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the show will be freelance writer and CTKA Vice Chairman Dennis Lee Effle.

Jim DiEugenio will be presenting his wide ranging and extensive slide presentation, as well as lecturing on many aspects on the overall case. His extensive knowledge on the Garrison investigation will provide attendees a rare opportunity to learn many aspects of that case that have been either forgotten or ignored. This also offers an opportunity to see a professional educator present material on this case in a rational no nonsense manner.

Dr. David Mantik will present his findings based on the extensive studies he performed on the medical evidence from the JFK autopsy. While at the National Archives in 1993, Dr. Mantik was able to examine this material using an optical densitomitor to measure the amount of light density present in the autopsy X–Rays. His findings promise to break new ground in the medical evidence area of this investigation.

You'll definitely want to be in attendance to see these presentations. General admission is only $5.00 per person, but seating is limited and advance sales are already ahead of expectations. Advance orders are being accepted on a first come—first serve basis. Rush your check or money order to: CTKA / UCR Event / 5540 Argyle Way / Riverside, CA. / 92506, today.

LAKE TAHOE, CA.

On Monday night, July 11, 1994, CTKA is sponsoring a speaking engagement at the Lakeside Inn and Casino in South Lake Tahoe, California. Featured speakers will be Jim DiEugenio, Dennis Lee Effle and Dr. Gary Aguilar representing CTKA. Dr. Aguilar is one of the recognized experts on all aspects of the medical evidence from the JFK case. He has appeared as a featured speaker at the ASK symposium in Dallas, Tx., as well as several other venues.

This event is scheduled to be held from 6–10 PM, in the main conference hall and there will be a "meet the speakers" open gathering following the presentation. Special research material and CD–ROM's will be offered as door prizes. Tentative admission price has been set at $10.00 each.

Come and join us in one of the most beautiful settings in northern California. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Mr. Mike McGinnis at: 1 (916) 544–7515 for ticket information. The Lakeside Inn & Casino is located at, Highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade, South Lake Tahoe, Ca. 89449.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

CTKA "Mid–West" Chapter Director, Mr. Brad Summers, is actively engaged in the search for an appropriate site for a CTKA presentation he has planned for Kansas City this summer. Brad is organizing this to give our supporters in the middle of the country an opportunity to hear new presentations on the case and afford the people there a forum to meet with some of the authors and researchers they rarely get an chance to talk with.

Any of our readers and supporters who are interested in this event should contact CTKA so we can finalize these plans for this summer.

SANTA BARBARA, CA.

CTKA and PWR are currently in the tentative planning stages of organizing a speaking engagement in the Santa Barbara area of California. Patrick Fourmey, head of Prevailing Winds Research, is starting the process of scouting for available sites and open dates for this summer.

Check future issues of PROBE for further details.

Any groups or organizations interested in securing the services of CTKA's speakers bureau for their meetings are encouraged to write to the main office to make arrangements.

A selection of speakers are available on a variety of different subjects within the JFK case, and on a wide array of other topics as well.

COPA SUMMIT REPORT

On the weekend of April 22-24th , over 40 concerned individuals assembled at the Comfort Inn in Washington D.C. to discuss the organizational structure and goals of the new umbrella group named "Coalition on Political Assassinations" (or COPA for short). Readers of PROBE have already been informed that this new group was assembled in February at it's initial summit held at the William Penn House, also in D.C. Initially made up of members from the groups AARC, CTKA, and COA, this new organization plans on developing the national voice that the research and activist community has both hoped for and needed for so long.

The weekend began with a dinner for the Board of Directors on Friday evening. The interim Board of Directors—Professor John Newman, Dr. Cyril Wecht, Jim Lesar, Dan Alcorn, John Judge, and Jim DiEugenio–has now been augmented by four newly elected members. They are: media specialist, Jerry Policoff, political activist and fund raising specialist, Janet Rainwater, Professor Philip Melanson, and HSCA investigator, Gaeton Fonzi. Since the initial April conference, ballots have gone out to Governing Board members to complete the eleven member Governing Board. The names on this ballot include Dr. Gary Aguilar, Mr. Roger Feinman, Mr. Brad Kizzia, Ms. Jane Rusconi, and Mr. Chip Selby.

Some of the matters discussed at the four meetings held by the Governing Board over the weekend were: membership structure and dues; the formation of an executive committee made up from members of the Board of Directors; the appointment of an secretary to the Executive committee; new additions to the Advisory Group; and, most of all, the upcoming COPA sponsored October Conference. This event is now scheduled for the downtown Sheraton in Washington D. C. and will be held from Oct. 7–10. Elected to oversee the coordination of these efforts for the coalition are Co–chairmen, Mr. Dan Alcorn and Professor John Newman. Mr. Al Navis, from Canada, was appointed Arrangements Coordinator for this event. Any researchers desiring to submit papers for consideration of presentation at this conference are encouraged to contact Dr. Gary Aguilar (see related article in this issue).

Various working panels were convened to discuss basic aims, structure, and strategy of the coalition. A complete listing of the panels held were: Dr. Gary Aguilar headed the Medical Evidence panel; Mr. Jim DiEugenio chaired the Fundraising and Speakers Bureau panels; Mr. Robert Groden was in charge of the Photographic Evidence panel; Dr. Wayne Smith headed the Academic Outreach panel; Professor John Newman chaired the Review Board and Documents panel; Mr. Al Navis convened the International Outreach panel; Mr. Jerry Policoff and Mr. Jonathan Meyers acted as co-heads for the Media and Public Relations meeting; and Mr. John Judge chaired both the Publications and Grassroots Campaign panels. In place of originally scheduled panel chair, Mr. Roger Feinman, Attorney Brad Kizzia headed the Legal Outreach panel and Dr. Cyril Wecht chaired the Criminalistics panel in place of Mr. Herbert McDonnell.

After a general introductory and welcome meeting held on Friday evening, the panels met throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday. Designated secretaries took notes and summary reports were read in an open forum at the end of each day. The Photographic Panel actually visited the National Archives and issued a report on the photographs in existence there. Mr. Robert Groden reported on what was <u>not</u> in their collection, where many important photos should be located, and how the JFK Review Board can get to them. Professor Newman organized a nation wide group of volunteers to work with the coalition in identifying where important documents are to be located. These reports will enable the COPA to keep the Review Board abreast of the status of the pertinent documents they should locate in their search for JFK files. Each panel was quite productive in its efforts and, more importantly, they were able to set up a networking relationships that will prove extremely helpful in the future.

There were also additional funds pledged to COPA's collective efforts at this meeting. In view of this fact, it is ironic that the one panel which no one signed up for, or attended, was the one on Fundraising. Jim DiEugenio issued a report on his views of this very serious problem. If our collective goals are to be realized, there must be financial support to enable the coalition to carry out it's business. This is the most serious aspect of the coalitions efforts. Even more so, in view of the fact that no one discussed it at this meeting.

If COPA is to be a serious "National" voice, and generally speaking, it has shown promise in this aspect, it must have varied and vigorous fundraising plans and structures. Panel Chair, Mr. Jim DiEugenio, who was greatly aided by papers assembled by CTKA Vice–Chairman Dennis Effle, tried to stress this fact as strongly as possible at Saturday's Board meeting.

The duly elected Executive Committee of the COPA Board will be chaired by Dr. Cyril Wecht. The voting members are: Dr. Cyril Wecht, Professor John Newman, Mr. Dan Alcorn, and Mr. Jim DiEugenio. John Judge was appointed non-voting Secretary to the Executive Committee. Their first meeting is scheduled for the first week of May.

Future issues of PROBE will keep readers up–to–date on all coalition efforts.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Washington based "Coalition on Political Assassinations" (COPA) will be sponsoring a symposium at the Washington Sheraton Hotel from October 7–9, 1994. The coalition is seeking papers on the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King for public presentation there. With the recent and continuing release of never before seen records pertaining to the murder of John F. Kennedy, the major focus of the symposium will be on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Topics to be explored at this symposium will include the historical and political circumstances surrounding this murder, the medical and forensic evidence in extent today, the criminology and ballistic evidence from the case, the governmental pronouncements on the official investigation of this death, and the media coverage and characterization of all of the above. Special emphasis will be placed on important, new information recently released as a result of the effects of the "JFK Assassination Materials Review Board." Despite this timely emphasis on the JFK case, papers addressing the same subject categories pertaining to the deaths of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King are welcome.

All knowledgeable and interested parties are encouraged to submit abstracts of the papers they propose for presentation. The typed abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length, and yet detailed enough to allow proper evaluation of their contents. Papers chosen for presentation will be judged on the merits of the abstracts submitted. Accepted submissions will be included in a brochure to be disseminated to interested parties, including the media, in advance of the symposium. These selected abstracts will form much of the public program that will be presented to the attendees of the symposium.

Expected speakers at this event include: Professor John Newman, Ph.D.; Professor Peter Dale Scott, Ph.D.; Josiah Thompson, Ph.D.; Dr. Cyril Wecht, MD, JD; HSCA investigator and author, Gaeton Fonzi; Edwin Lopez Soto, Esq.; author, James DiEugenio; Robert Tannenbaum, Esq.; Jerry Policoff; Dr. David Mantik, MD, Ph.D.; James Lesar, Esq.; Dr. Randy Robertson, MD; Roger Feinman, Esq.; Wayne Smith, Ph.D.; and others to be announced later.

Please send hard copies (preferred) or FAX submissions to the following: Dr. Gary Aguilar, MD, 909 Hyde St. / #530, San Francisco, CA. 94010. (415) 775–3392 or FAX (415) 563–4453.

CRACKER JACKS PRIZES

The Pulitzer Board offered up only three nominations for prize consideration in the "History" category this year. Incredibly enough, one of them was Gerald Posner's "Case Closed."

But in a strange twist of fate, and keeping with it's tradition of creating controversy, the Board, for only the third time in it's 78 year history, failed to name a winner in the "History" category.

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